

Notice of Public Hearing and Comment Period
Concerning Proposed Issuance of Illinois EPA Permits to
the Wood River Refinery in Roxana

The Wood River Refinery has requested that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) Bureau of Air issue a construction permit for its Hartford Integration Project at its facility located at 900 South Central Avenue in Roxana. The proposed project will allow the Wood River Refinery to utilize selected process units located at the Hartford Refinery including: the No. 2 crude unit, the coker and coker naphtha hydrotreater, boilers #4 and #5, the cooling water towers, selected storage tanks/pressure vessels, and associated utilities and infrastructure. The selected Hartford units will be restarted and tied into the existing Wood River process units via new piping. A total of eleven connections will be installed to move various hydrocarbons and other materials between the Hartford and Wood River facility. The company must obtain a construction permit because the integration project will allow for an increase in air emissions. However, overall there is a contemporaneous decrease in emissions from the refinery, therefore the project is not subject to the federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) rules, 40 CFR 52.21 or the state rules 35 IAC 203: Major Stationary Source Construction and Modification. The Illinois EPA is accepting comments prior to making a final decision on this project.

The hearing will also pertain to Draft NPDES Permit No. IL0000205 for wastewater discharges from the refinery units described above in addition to stormwater runoff, and sanitary wastewater from the Village of Roxana and the Air Liquide facility. With the addition of the Premcor Refinery units described above the Conoco-Wood River Refinery will have the capability of processing 323,000 barrels of crude oil per stream day. The Draft NPDES permit includes two outfalls which discharge treated process wastewater, sanitary wastewater and stormwater, and six outfalls which discharge stormwater only. All outfalls discharge directly to the Mississippi River with the exception of Outfall 003 which discharges stormwater to an unnamed ditch tributary to Grassy Lake tributary to Cahokia Canal.

The Illinois EPA will hold a public hearing on March 9, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village of Hartford Recreational Building, 715 North Delmar in Hartford. The hearing will be held to receive comments and answer questions from the public prior to making a final decision concerning the two draft permits. The hearing will be held under the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Permit and Closure Plans," 35 IAC 166, Subpart A. Lengthy comments and questions should be submitted in writing. Requests for interpreters (including sign language) must be made by February 24, 2004. Any questions about hearing procedures or requests to address special needs should be made to the Illinois EPA, Hearing Officer, Re: Wood River Refinery, 1021 N. Grand Ave. E., P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276, 217/782-5544.

Written comments must sent to the Hearing Officer and be postmarked by midnight, April 8, 2004, unless otherwise specified by the Hearing Officer. Written comments need not be notarized.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the Bureau of Air draft permit, and project summary at www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm (please look under All Permit Records, State Construction Permit, New). Both draft permits and applications can also be obtained from the Illinois EPA's offices at 2009 Mall Street in Collinsville, 618/346-5120 and 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027 (for either location please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). Copies of the documents will be made available upon request.

For information or requests about the applications or draft permits, please contact:
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